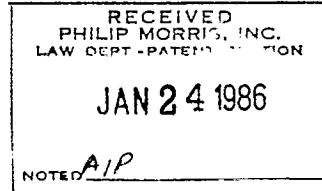


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Dear Art,

European Patent Application No. 83308033.6 based on
U.S. Serial No. 457505 - Your ref: PM 653 - Our file: 26046

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I now attach a copy of the European Search Report with copies of some of the documents cited. You will notice that the principal citation is the British Specification No. 1,055,445 which was included in the third party observations filed in September last and of which I sent you a copy at that time. The secondary Canadian reference was also included in the third party observations. Your own European No. 0 056 308 is also regarded as a closely relevant reference. A copy of the front page of this is attached for purposes of identification. Also attached is the front page of the Keritsis Specification No. 4,333,484 and a complete copy of the Miano reference No. 4,233,993.

I am copying this letter with its enclosures to Rob Isackson at Fish & Neave and will await his comments before studying any of the references myself. We need to decide at this stage what form of claim can sensibly be prosecuted in the European Application and if we decide that amended claims are necessary these can conveniently be submitted with the request for examination. This request can be filed now or any time up to six months following publication of the Search Report.

Yours sincerely,



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